

# reimagining downtown



Concept of Cleveland Street

Imagine sitting at a street-side table. A colorful, over-sized umbrella shades you from the summer sun as you sip iced tea and catch up with neighbors you haven't seen in a while. You watch as people stroll by. Some are leisurely gazing into shop windows while others can't resist the lure of local arts and crafts. You notice how many people ride bikes these days and how those who are walking seem to outnumber the cars on the street. **Now imagine all of this on Cleveland Street.**

On June 19, Redmond residents and business owners are invited to participate in the Downtown East/West Corridor Study at Redmond City Hall from 5 to 7:30pm (see meeting notice at right). This marks the beginning of the public process to improve circulation and to establish the area around Redmond Way and Cleveland Street as a vibrant destination in the heart of downtown.

The vision to move our downtown towards a people friendly place that is economically healthy was stated in 2002 during the Downtown

Transportation Master Plan (TMP) process. The process helped create a concept with specific "to do" items that would achieve the vision.

#### *Stakeholders expressed their desire to:*

- Reconnect the downtown grid
- Route through traffic onto Bear Creek Pkwy and SR 520
- Remove barriers separating the different areas of downtown
- Improve the pedestrian environment
- Return to two-way streets

Cleveland Street is envisioned as Redmond's "Main Street" promenade, a public gathering place that not only encourages and supports a multitude of transportation users, but reflects our City's history and local culture.

#### *Study-established principles that will guide the work include:*

- **Circulation:** Streets should provide connectivity and circulation for all modes of travel while maintaining a level of traffic flow consistent with an urban downtown
- **Parking:** Parking should be available for businesses, residents, visitors and local

deliveries and should support pedestrians and transit

- **Travel Choices:** Facilities and services should be designed to support the goal of having transit, walking, bicycling and carpooling comprise a significant share of the trips to and from downtown
- **Parks and Open Spaces:** Streetscape, parks and open space should create a sense of place, be linked and serve a variety of purposes

#### • **Land Use:**

Streets should accommodate and encourage the future land use vision

- **Great Streets:** Downtown streets should contribute to and reinforce this area as a destination and the heart of downtown by creating economically vibrant and pedestrian supportive streets

- **Cleveland Street:** Cleveland Street should be a traditional "Main Street" promenade
- **Railroad Right-of-Way:** Any design should take full advantage of this asset, including high capacity transit, non-motorized trail and other opportunities

The Downtown East/West Corridor Study will go on through the year, with the first public meeting on June 19 and another in the fall. Throughout the study, meetings will take place with the City Council, with various boards and commissions, the Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and area residents.

Follow the progress of the Downtown East/West Corridor Study, by visiting the City web site at [www.redmond.gov/connectingredmond/studies.dewcs.asp](http://www.redmond.gov/connectingredmond/studies.dewcs.asp).

*If you would be on an email list to receive periodic updates about the study, contact Susan Byszieski at [sbyszieski@redmond.gov](mailto:sbyszieski@redmond.gov).*

Downtown Trail • Two-Way Streets • Pedestrian Plaza

- **New Street Connections • Main Street Promenade**

## Downtown East/ West Corridor Community Meeting

*Come see how we can create an economically-healthy and people-friendly Downtown*

**Thursday, June 19 – 5 to 7:30pm  
Redmond City Hall Lobby**

**Brief presentation at 5:45pm in the Council Chambers**

RSVP by June 17, requested to ensure adequate seating and refreshments, call 425-556-2854.

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